

COURT of COMMON SENSE.

Feb. 16, 1756.

WHereas Gaming has been represented to us as one of the greatest Evils that ever crept into Society, and stands indicted in this Court for being the principal Source and Cause of Lying, Cursing, Swearing, Sabbath-breaking, Stealing, picking of Pockets, and cutting of Throats, to the Ruin of Families in Multitudes too great to be mentioned; we have for many Years past made it a standing Rule and Order, that no Man should be suspected of having the least Share of common Sense or common Honesty that followed any such Practice. But a Scheme and Petition having been presented to us in Favour of a certain Game, by which the Old and the Young, the Rich and the Poor, the Gentle and the Simple, may learn to read or otherwise divert themselves,

selves, so as to make Time pass in their Hands; we have taken this into our Consideration, and have revoke our former Order, that this said Scheme of a Game for the Benefit of Mankind may be put into Execution. And we do hereby command the *Blacks* at this Court, Gamesters and Gamblers, to play at this Game and to stake that the Stakes they play for be Apples, Oranges, Almonds, and Gingerbread Nuts.

By Order of the Court,
PETER PRUDEN

Some DIRECTIONS for
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IT would be much to the Benefit of Children to read, who may fix their Attention on it, and so they were become familiar with the simple Mind, ever charming

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